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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT: GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT

1. MARCH 9 TORONTO STAR CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "ONTARIO SAYS GREAT LAKES CLEAN-UP IS DRAGGING BEHIND." ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, WHICH CITES A CONFIDENTIAL ONTARIO REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT MINISTER JACK DAVIS "US HAS FALLEN TWO YEARS BEHIND IN ITS AGREEMENT WITH CANADA" TO CLEAN UP GREAT LAKES. HOWEVER, ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT SOME ONTARIO INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY PULP AND PAPER MILLS, ALSO MAY FAIL TO MEET DEADLINES.

2. ARTICLE QUOTES CONFIDENTIAL MEMO AS SAYING THAT "DESPITE THE PROBLEMS OF TIMING THAT HAVE ARISEN AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE EMERGED, (THE AGREEMENT) IS ESSENTIALLY ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED". CANADIAN WATER QUALITY EXPERTS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT TWO-YEAR SLIPPAGE WILL NOT BE SERIOUS PROVIDING SHORT-TERM PHOSPHORUS CONTROL MEASURES ARE TAKEN ON LAKE ERIE.

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3. ARTICLE THEN GOES ON TO REPORT CADIEUX-TRAIN

MEETING AND IJC REPORT WHICH CRITICIZED US FOR
WITHHOLDING FUNDS. US OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS
SAYING "THEY HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF LIVING UP TO
THE AGREEMENT" AND ARE REPORTED AS POINTING "TO THE
EXACT WORDING...WHICH STIPULATES THAT CLEAN-UP
PROJECTS MUST BE...IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION
BY DECEMBER 31, 1975."

4. FULL TEXT TO EUR/CAN BY POUCH.
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